on employment generation are given in Chapter-3 of Vol. I and Chapter-5 of Vol. II of the Seventh Five Year Plan document. The next Plan is in thinking stage.

National Channel of AIR

248. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG be peased to state:

(a) what are the timings of the programmes broadcast on the recently introduced National Channel of All India Radio;

(b) whether some of these programmes are broadcast after midnight;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to alter the timings of the above programmes suitably and fix them during day time or evenings or late evenings only for the benefit of listeners all over the country;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government propose to improve the audiobility of the programmes broadcast over the National Channel?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The National Channel of All India Radio at present broadcasts programmes from 1900 hrs. to 0230 hrs.

(c) The Medium Wave transmitters at various Stations of All India Radio are used mainly for broadcasting in the regioanl languages. In the absence of alternate channel some of the centrally originated programmes are relayed for short durations by the Regional Stations and these encroach into the regional service at peak listening hours. A separate National Channel for broadcast exclusively of National programmes was therefore set-up to cover major portion of the country at night. The availability of sky wave at night also increases its coverage.

(d) and (e) No, Sir, in view of the position explained at (c) above.

(f) The National Channel of All India Radio covers 53 per cent population of the country at present. There is no proposal during the 7th Plan to improve the audiobility of the programmes of National Channel and to reach the un-serviced areas of the country.

Development of Food processing Industries

249. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes drawn up by Government for the development of food processing industries; and

(b) the funds earmarked for their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b) The following Plan Schemes are aimed at the development of food processing industries:

Name of the Schemes	Budget Estimates for 88-89
(1) Investment in Slaughter House Corporation	Rs. 20 lakhs
(2) Improvement of existing abottoirs and meat units. . .	Rs. 40 lakhs
(3) Assistance to State-Governments/Cooperatives for development of fruit and vegetable processing. . .	Rs. 40 lakhs
(4) Fisheries Survey of India.	Rs. 490 lakhs
(5) Trawler Development Fund. . . .	Rs. 2300 lakhs
(6) Modernisation of Rice Milling. . . .	Rs. 70 lakhs